

REMARKS

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute composition claims of Group VI, in the present application (Claims 1-16, 21-23 and 28).

In addition, Applicants have cancelled claim 28. Applicants have done so because they believe that claim 28 would be more appropriately grouped with the claims of Group V, and will chose to prosecute claim 28 when the claims of Group V are elected.

The Examiner has also requested a species election. In response, Applicants elect the following:

- (a) for the specific biologically active substance the peptide of claim 11 wherein Y represents DLeu and Z represents NH-C₂H₅;
- (b) for the specific polymer the polymer of claim 8;
- (c) for the weight-average molecular weight of the polymer, the range of claim 9; and
- (d) for the hydroxynaphthoic acid, the acid of claim 4.

No amendment of inventorship is necessitated by this election.

Early allowance of the claims is requested. Should the Examiner believe that a conference with Applicants' Attorney would advance prosecution of this application, he is respectfully invited to call Applicants' Attorney at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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